Changes in Postal Department

1545. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission has put forward a plan to ensure that Postal Department becomes self-sustaining by the year 2009;

(b) if so, the changes suggested by the Planning Commission on various aspect of the postal department;

(c) whether any changes would be initiated in the current financial year by the Planning Commission; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) No, Sir. However, making the Department of Posts self-financing is one of the major objectives of the Tenth Five Year Plan (2002-07).

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Public Health Policies

1546. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission has held a number of meetings with the Health Ministry;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the Planning Commission has not been able to make concrete and tactical suggestions in the arena dealing with health;

(c) what steps would be taken to upgrade the personnel and policy makers in the Planning Commission dealing with health and public health policies;

(d) whether the Planning Commission would implement strict guidelines on how the Planning Commission should evolve policies for diverse subejcts; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) to (e) The Planning Commission is